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9 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
10 FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

11 United States of America,
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13 Plaintiff,
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15 vs.
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17 Daniel David Rigmaiden,
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19 Defendant.

CR-08-814-001-PHX-DGC

STIPULATION RE FORENSIC COPIES
OF DIGITAL EVIDENCE

17 The United States of America, by and through undersigned counsel, and defendant,
18 DANIEL DAVID RIGMAIDEN, Pro Se, hereby stipulate and agree as follows:

19 1. On August 3 and 4, 2008, federal law enforcement officers seized the
20 following digital devices (collectively, the "Original Digital Devices") from 431 El
21 Camino Real, Apartment 1122, Santa Clara, California 95050, and Storage Unit No. A-47,
22 CDB Indoor Mini Self-Storage, 570 Cinnabar Street, San Jose, California 95110, while
23 executing federal search warrants in the course of the investigation of this case:

- 24 a. IBM ThinkPad laptop (SN LV-C4398) containing Hitachi 100GB hard
25 disk drive (S/N MPCZN7Y0J7N51L),
26 b. External hard drive enclosure containing Seagate 500GB hard drive
27 (SN 3PM07D08),
28 c. External hard drive enclosure containing Toshiba 100GB hard drive

1 (SN 36901970S),

2 d. Acer MS2180 laptop (SN LXAA6050876090F641KS00) containing
3 Samsung 40GB hard disk drive (S/N S03WJ30L218364),

4 e. External hard drive enclosure containing Toshiba 100GB hard drive
5 (SN 36901974S).

6 f. Dane-Elec Blue 1GB Thumbdrive,

7 g. SanDisk 2GB Compact Flash Ultra II Memory Card,

8 h. Seagate 250GB Hard Drive (S/N 5QE1W2CP),

9 i. SanDisk TransFlash 64MB Memory Card,

10 j. Sony CyberShot Camera (S/N 506621), and

11 k. Sony Memory Stick Pro Duo Memory Card.

12 Note for items f-k, no evidence was collected by the United States and all forensic images
13 have been deleted.

14 2. Thereafter, the government made complete duplicates of the Original Digital
15 Devices listed in ¶ Nos. 1(a) - 1(e) above. The files contained within the duplicates are
16 exact and accurate copies of the files contained on the Original Digital Devices at the time
17 they came into the government's possession. Other than for the Master File Tables
18 contained on the Original Digital Device named "filesalot.dcv," the file system metadata
19 (e.g., "file last access dates") were exact and accurate copies of the file system metadata
20 contained on the Original Digital Devices prior to the materials coming into the
21 government's possession. However, for the Original Digital Device named
22 "filesalot.dcv," the "file last access date" file system metadata corresponding to an
23 unconfirmed number of files were changed on August 3-4, 2008, as a result of the
24 government using WinRAR and MD5Summer to access and copy the noted files via direct
25 access to the Original Digital Device file system. Consequently, the government's
26 duplicates of the "filesalot.dcv" contain an unconfirmed number of files with "file last
27 access date" file system metadata reflecting the dates/times the government accessed the
28 files on the Original Digital Device after defendant was arrested and in custody. While the

1 duplicates of "filesalot.dcv" have an unconfirmed number of files with "file last access
 2 date" file system metadata reflecting the dates/times the government accessed the file
 3 system on the Original Digital Device, all of the files from "filesalot.dcv" that the
 4 government is keeping as Necessary Digital Evidence are confirmed to have "file last
 5 access date" file system metadata reflecting the dates/times the government accessed the
 6 files on the Original Digital Device after defendant was arrested and in custody.

7 3. After the creation of the duplicates, the government identified digital data the
 8 government believed was necessary to prosecute defendant. The government isolated and
 9 copied the necessary data from its duplicates (collectively, the "Necessary Digital
 10 Evidence"). Copies of the Necessary Digital Evidence have been provided to defendant in
 11 discovery in this case. After providing the Necessary Digital Evidence in discovery, the
 12 government saved (1) the Necessary Digital Evidence, and (2) all computer forensic
 13 reports and associated files of which the government wishes to keep,¹ into a DriveCrypt
 14 encrypted container file named "Digital_Evidence.dcv" having the following SHA-256
 15 hash digest value:²

16 ce57150435f62cfb0d72b08a869e31f2ccce153229cc15efc394aa4e25c7d016

17 (hereafter the "Necessary Digital Evidence Container File"). To prevent questions or later
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 21 ¹ The noted forensic reports and associated files resulted from the government's use
 22 of EnCase and/or other computer forensic software while examining the duplicates of the
 23 Original Digital Devices.

24 ² SHA-256, as well as SHA-1, SHA-224, SHA-384, SHA512, SHA-512/224 and
 25 SHA-512/256, are all "iterative, one-way hash functions that can process a message to
 26 produce a condensed representation called a message digest. These algorithms enable the
 27 determination of a message's integrity: any change to the message will, with a very high
 28 probability, result in a different message digest." National Institute of Standards and
 Technology, FIPS PUB 180-4, *Federal Information Processing Standards Publication:
 Secure Hash Standard (SHS)* (Mar. 2012), p. 3. In this case, the "message" is the totality
 of the Necessary Digital Evidence Container File. The resulting "message digest" will
 change if files are added to or removed from the Necessary Digital Evidence Container
 File—thus, making changes detectable.

1 disputes regarding what constitutes Necessary Digital Evidence, the government provided
2 defendant with an exact copy of the Necessary Digital Evidence Container File having
3 SHA-256 hash digest value:

4 ce57150435f62cfb0d72b08a869e31f2ccce153229cc15efc394aa4e25c7d016.

5 This stipulation does not establish that the Necessary Digital Evidence is data falling
6 within the scope of any warrant executed by the government in this case.

7 4. Defendant has requested that the government destroy the data on the Original
8 Digital Devices and on the duplicates using the process described in ¶ No. 5 below. The
9 originals and duplicates include (1) all data on all copied Original Digital Devices, (2) all
10 forensic images of Original Digital Devices, (3) WinRAR archive(s) made during live
11 acquisitions of data contained on Original Digital Devices, (4) the three virtual machine
12 clones of the entire computer system (which are themselves complete copies of all
13 Original Digital Devices) which are now all in the possession of IRS-CI (one having been
14 returned to IRS-CI by the FBI), (5) originals and duplicates of all DriveCrypt encrypted
15 container files including:

- 16 i. filesalot.dcv;
- 17 ii. filesalot_bak_3-31-2008.dcv;
- 18 iii. filesalot_bak_3-1-2008.dcv;
- 19 iv. filesdone60_1.dcv;
- 20 v. filesdone60_2.dcv; and
- 21 vi. T_drive.rar

22 which originated from the Original Digital Devices, (6) all MD5 or other hash digests
23 (*i.e.*, the digital fingerprints recorded on August 3-4, 2008 and possibly on other dates)
24 taken of files on Original Digital Devices and duplicates, (7) all evidence cache files,
25 automatic backup files, case files, reports, case databases, backup files, temporary file
26 folders, and Analysis Reports resulting from government use of EnCase, AccessData FTK,
27 and/or other computer forensic software—as well as all other residual data resulting from
28 any forensic analysis—other than what is saved into the Necessary Digital Evidence

1 Container File having SHA-256 hash digest value:

2 ce57150435f62cfb0d72b08a869e31f2ccce153229cc15efc394aa4e25c7d016,

3 and (8) all other copies of data originating or created from Original Digital Devices which
4 are not copies of data contained within the Necessary Digital Evidence Container File
5 having SHA-256 hash digest value:

6 ce57150435f62cfb0d72b08a869e31f2ccce153229cc15efc394aa4e25c7d016.

7 5. While destroying data on the Original Digital Devices and on the duplicates,
8 defendant requests that the government use a secure drive wipe process consisting of (1)
9 writing each bit of data on each relevant hard drive three (3) times with random bits of
10 data, *i.e.*, data not merely consisting of zeros, (2) overwriting the file and folder properties
11 (name, dates, size, *etc.* saved within the file system metadata) corresponding to deleted
12 files, and (3) reformatting the drives so as to erase the Master File Tables (MFTs), File
13 Allocation Tables ("FATs"), or equivalent metadata repositories corresponding to the
14 applicable file system. After the destruction/returning process, if additional seized data
15 not consisting of data contained within the Necessary Digital Evidence Container File is
16 located on any storage device in the government's possession by a case agent, prosecutor,
17 or other government actor involved in CR08-814-PHX-DGC, defendant requests that the
18 data be deleted or destroyed without documenting the data in government records or
19 sharing the data to be destroyed with any other agent, agency, or entity within the
20 government, with any other jurisdiction, or with any private party, and that defendant be
21 notified of its deletion or destruction of the located data.

22 6. Once the data contained on the Original Digital Devices and on the duplicates
23 are destroyed, defendant requests that the government personnel who conducted the
24 destruction process issue a signed report to defendant detailing the destruction process that
25 occurred. The report will include (1) a list of all Original Digital Devices and duplicates
26 that were subject to the data deletion process described in ¶ No. 5 above, (2) an
27 accounting of how the data contained on Original Digital Devices and duplicates was
28 destroyed, (3) an indication that all data contained on the eight (8) categories of Original

1 Digital Devices and on the duplicates listed in ¶ No. 4 above were destroyed, (4) an
 2 indication that, to the best of the government's knowledge, the only copied data currently
 3 in its possession consists of the Necessary Digital Evidence saved within the Necessary
 4 Digital Evidence Container File having SHA-256 hash digest value:

5 ce57150435f62cfb0d72b08a869e31f2ccce153229cc15efc394aa4e25c7d016,

6 and (5) an indication that no data within the destroyed data, i.e., data not contained in the
 7 Necessary Digital Evidence Container File having SHA-256 hash digest value:

8 ce57150435f62cfb0d72b08a869e31f2ccce153229cc15efc394aa4e25c7d016,

9 was previously physically shared with any other agent, agency, or entity within the
 10 government, with any other jurisdiction, or with any private party.

11 7. Acting in accordance with defendant's requests contained in ¶ Nos. 4-6
 12 above, the government will (1) destroy the data contained on the Original Digital Devices
 13 and on the duplicates, (2) create the requested report, and (3) make the requested
 14 notifications. In exchange for acting in accordance with defendant's requests contained in
 15 ¶ Nos. 4-6 above, and upon the condition that no destroyed data was previously
 16 physically shared with any other agent, agency, or entity within the government or with
 17 any other jurisdiction, defendant stipulates and agrees that the Necessary Digital
 18 Evidence Container File having SHA-256 hash digest value:

19 ce57150435f62cfb0d72b08a869e31f2ccce153229cc15efc394aa4e25c7d016

20 contains (1) digital files being true, exact, and accurate copies of the digital files found on
 21 the Original Digital Devices as they existed prior to them coming into the government's
 22 possession, and (2) true, exact, and accurate copies of digital file metadata contained on
 23 all Original Digital Devices as they existed prior to them coming into the government's
 24 possession – except for the Master File Table “file last access dates” corresponding to
 25 files accessed by the government via accessing the Original Digital Device named
 26 “filesalot.dcv” on August 3-4, 2008, prior to duplicating the device using reliable
 27 methods. *See* ¶ No. 2, *supra*. The government stipulates that no data within the
 28 destroyed data, i.e., data *not* contained in the Necessary Digital Evidence Container File

1 having SHA-256 hash digest value:

2 ce57150435f62cfb0d72b08a869e31f2ccce153229cc15efc394aa4e25c7d016,

3 was previously physically shared with any other agent, agency, or entity within the
4 government, with any other jurisdiction, or with any private party.

5 8. All Necessary Digital Evidence contained within the Necessary Digital
6 Evidence Container File having SHA-256 hash digest value:

7 ce57150435f62cfb0d72b08a869e31f2ccce153229cc15efc394aa4e25c7d016

8 is "admissible [into evidence] to the same extent as the original," within the meaning of
9 Fed. R. Evid. 1003. The purpose of this stipulation is to establish an indisputable
10 foundation for the Necessary Digital Evidence contained within the Necessary Digital
11 Evidence Container File having SHA-256 hash digest value:

12 ce57150435f62cfb0d72b08a869e31f2ccce153229cc15efc394aa4e25c7d016.

13 Therefore, defendant and the government may still dispute whether any particular piece of
14 data is admissible in any proceeding.

15 9. All Necessary Digital Evidence contained within the Necessary Digital
16 Evidence Container File having SHA-256 hash digest value:

17 ce57150435f62cfb0d72b08a869e31f2ccce153229cc15efc394aa4e25c7d016

18 may be admitted into evidence instead of the original material on the Original Digital
19 Devices only in legal proceedings where the Original Digital Devices or their contents
20 would be admissible. For example, if any of the Necessary Digital Evidence is ever
21 suppressed based on a Constitutional violation, the government may not rely upon this
22 stipulation to admit the suppressed Necessary Digital Evidence in a criminal trial where
23 Daniel Rigmaiden is the defendant. Apart from the admissibility of the Necessary Digital
24 Evidence, this stipulation itself and the facts agreed to herein may not be used to establish
25 a fact in any proceeding that would otherwise require inadmissible evidence in order to be
26 established. For example, if any of the Necessary Digital Evidence is ever suppressed
27 based on a Constitutional violation, the government may not rely upon this stipulation
28 itself, or the facts contained herein, as a substitute for the suppressed evidence in a

1 criminal trial where Daniel Rigmaiden is the defendant.

2 10. After the defendant has been sentenced in this case, his conviction has
 3 become final and the time for the defendant to file an appeal of the final judgment has
 4 expired, Internal Revenue Service – Criminal Investigations (IRS-CI) will then store all
 5 digital copies of the Necessary Digital Evidence. IRS-CI will then maintain the
 6 Necessary Digital Evidence in this manner for a period of 13 months. After that time
 7 period, the Necessary Digital Evidence will be destroyed by IRS-CI and defendant will be
 8 notified of the destruction via a signed IRS-CI report. If during that 13 month period the
 9 government wishes to share any information contained in the Necessary Digital Evidence
 10 with another agency or entity within the government, with any other jurisdiction, or with
 11 any private party, the government will notify the defendant and give him an opportunity
 12 to file an objection with the Court prior to any such sharing. The parties agree that,
 13 should the defendant file such an objection, the district court's resolution of the objection
 14 will be final and that neither party will have the right to appeal such resolution.

15 Respectfully submitted this 20th day of February, 2014.

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19 February 20, 2014
 20 Date

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24 January 27, 2014
 25 Date

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 28 Defendant